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ANTHRAX NEWS

From Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA), Preventive Medicine: Has released the Commanders Toolbox. It is located at http://sg-www.satx.disa.mil/moasgop/restricted/ccaindex.cfm it is currently restricted to .mil addresses. (You won't be able to access it from a home computer.) This is an excellent resource and a must read for anyone who has anything to do with the Anthrax vaccine program.

MENINGITIS VACCINE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

On 20 Oct ACIP recommended freshmen living in dormitory conditions receive information on the disease and offered the vaccine. AFJI 48-110 Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis sets precedence for us to follow ACIP guidelines. This vaccine should be made available to those who request it. Accessibility and publication of such must be made at the local level based on resources. http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r991021.htm

ROTAVIRUS VACCINE WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET

Just in case you have been too busy with the Flu program. The ACIP and CDC withdrew their recommendation for Rotavirus vaccine. Following this, the manufacturer (Wyeth-Lederele) of the vaccine withdrew it from the market. http://www.cdc.gov/nip/news/rota-news.htm

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE SET

This is a must do TDY for Vaccinators. This condensed information packed conference will be held in Washington DC from 5-8 July 2000. Register early and make you Hotel reservations soon. http://www.cdc.gov/nip/NIC/

Lyme vaccine VIS now Available: http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/lyme4.pdf

MAIL LIST SNAFU

Earlier this week I sent out an e-mail asking folks to subscribe to the newsletter. Unfortunately the Mail server is not cooperating. The learning curve is greater than anticipated and may be several weeks before a solution is reached. I apologize for the inconvenience. I will continue to distribute this letter as before and will issue another advisory once the Mail server conflict is resolved.

